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SUBJECT: CHILE IN UN FORUMS

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1. AT DIPLOMATIC GATHERING EVENTING APRIL 28, I FOUND EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS ABUZZ WITH COMMENTS RE CHILE'S TRIBULATIONS AT ECOSOC MEETING IN NEW YORK AND UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN PARIS.

2. SITUATION RE ECOSOC APPEARS TO BE THAT ENTIRE SOVIET BLOC PLUS ALGERIA AND OTHERS ARE PREPARING, OR HAVE DELIVERED, ALL-OUT ATTACK ON CHILE, AND SOME OF CHILE'S FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT CHILE FROM REPLYING IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE PROSPECTS FOR RETAINING UNCHANGED TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STUDY GROUP WILL COME TO CHILE IN JUNE. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATIONS AS TO WHETHER FOREGOING IS ACCURATE RENDITION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO UNESCO, WORD WAS THAT UNDER LEADERSHIP OF
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CUBA, A BILL OF PARTICULARS OF SOME SEVENTY CHARGES WOULD BE

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LEVELLED AGAINST CHILE. IN GENERAL THIS APPEARS TO BE
CORROBORATED BY PARIS 10786. WE CAN UNDERSTAND PERM DEL'S
DISINCLINATION TO BECOME INVOLVED AT COMMITTEE LEVEL WHERE
US IS NOT A MEMBER, BUT WONDER WHETHER ALOOFNESS WOULD NOT
BE CARRIED TOO FAR IF MATTER REACHES EXBD ITSELF. AT THAT
STAGE, FOR US TO STAND BY SILENTLY WHILE MASSIVE BLOCK OF
SOVIET-LINKED STATES ENDORSES COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS FROM
COMMUNIST AND FELLOW TRAVELLING GROUPS BECAUSE FREEDOM OF
EDUCATION HAS BEEN IMPAIRED IN CHILE WOULD SEEM TO US AN
ANOMALY. CERTAINLY IT WOULD BE A PRIME ILLUSTRATION OF DOUBLE
STANDARD IN UN AGENCIES WHICH WE PROTESTED WHEN IT WAS APPLIED
IN UNESCO AGAINST ISRAEL AND WHICH WE ARE GEARING UP TO
PROTEST WHEN IT IS APPLIED IN UN FORUMS AGAINST OURSELVES.
WE WOULD HOPE THAT WITHOUT IN ANY WAY ENDORSING CHILEAN
PRACTICES (CONCERNING WHICH THERE HAS BEEN MUCH EXAGGERATION
BY JACK ANDERSON AND OTHERS) SOME RESERVATION COULD AT LEAST
BE MADE RE THIS POINT.
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